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REPORTS DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET FOOD, LIGHT INDUSTRIES

FABRIC, SHOE PRODUCTION UP -- Molodoy Bol'shevik, 6 Mar 50

Production of consumers' goods and food products for the USSR as a whole is growing rapidly. During the 4 years of the Five-Year Plan, cotton fabric output increased 2.2 times and wool fabric output 2.6 times. In 1949, light industry produced more than 100 million meters of various fabrics and over 2 million pairs of shoes above plan.

ESTONIAN FOOD INDUSTRY PROGRESSES -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, 8 Jan 50

In the Estonian SSR, production of bread, rolls, confectionery products, and margarine increased three times in comparison to 1940; production of starch increased $1\frac{1}{2}$ times. Estonian food enterprises have a total of 265 brigades composed of 1,700 people. The Kombinat butter and margarine plant is now a leading enterprise.

In 1950, total gross production will increase by 8.5 percent in comparison with 1949. Butter production will increase by nearly 20 percent, sausage production by 19 percent, meat production by 75 percent, and macaroni by 12 percent. Numerous new products will be made. The consumer will be able to buy new varieties of sausage, 15 varieties of confectionery products, many varieties of bread, rolls, meat products, preserves, jam, etc.

A considerable amount of work will be done in the field of capital construction. The largest mechanized confectionery factory in the Baltic area will be constructed in Tallin in 1953 and 1954. Plans are being drawn up for the first large sugar plant in the republic. By the end of 1950, a new bread combine will be put into operation in Narva.

The training of personnel is to be given a great deal of attention. Food industry enterprises will receive over 400 new specialists. More than 3,000 persons will be given additional training.

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For 1950, workers of food enterprises have pledged to complete the 8-month plan for gross production by 21 July, to raise the productivity of labor by 5 percent in comparison with the first half of 1949, to save 930 tons of fuel, and to save 300,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power. The operation of a new milk combine in Narva, a canning shop at the Tartu Fruit and Vegetable Plant, and a shop for processing syrup at starch and syrup enterprises of Viru Ettevõtete will begin on 21 July. Thirty enterprises have pledged to have outstanding shops by 21 July. The Tallin Paper Factory, the Fruit and Vegetable Plant, Bread Plant No 2, and the Liqueur and Vodka Distillery are striving to become leading enterprises.

KAZAKH MEAT, DAIRY INDUSTRY EXPANDING -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 8 Jan 50

Production of the meat and dairy industry has grown considerably in 1949 in Kazakh SSR. Furthermore, construction has been completed on six mechanized plants, which will begin operating in the near future. The Ush-Tobe and Aktyubinsk Refrigeration Plants of the Creamery Industry are nearing completion. In 1950 the technical equipment of enterprises will be improved. A canning plant in Alma-Ata, five mechanized creameries, and ten refrigeration plants will be built soon.

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